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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1638**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYSHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1638

Application No.: 10/015,607

Examiner: G. Helmer

Filed: December 17, 2001

Docket No.: 111473

For: A METHOD FOR INTRODUCING FOREIGN MATTERS INTO LIVING
CELLS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the December 29, 2004, Office Action, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 19-23 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 1-3, 10-11, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b); claims 1-5, 9-15, 20-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a); and claims 6-8, 19 and 22 are objected to.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6-8, 18 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. For all of the reasons set forth below, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.